

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARGARET ALLIS

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mrs. Margaret Allis, on her 90th birthday. Margaret V. Allis was born on August 2, 1921 in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Margaret graduated from White Sulphur Springs High School. After graduation Margaret traveled with her family to California before coming back east and settling in Sayre, Pennsylvania.

In Sayre, Margaret's father opened the Seven Sister's Sweet Shop on Keystone Avenue in West Sayre where Margaret worked for a number of years. Margaret then attended Elmira Business School in New York State where she learned secretarial skills. While attending school, Margaret met Frances Romeyn Allis at the Joycrest Roller Skating Rink. Margaret and Romeyn married June 7, 1946 and returned to Pennsylvania, making their home in Litchfield.

Through the years Romeyn and Margaret established a family with the birth of six children. Margaret was a dedicated housewife to Romeyn for 49 years until his passing in 1995. Margaret still lives in the house they shared, where she hosts her large family including 13 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret V. Allis on her 90th birthday and ask my colleagues to join me in praising her commitment to her family, her community, and our nation.

CLEAN WATER COOPERATIVE FEDERALISM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2018) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to preserve the authority of each State to make determinations relating to the State's water quality standards, and for other purposes:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chair, I want to thank Chairman MICA and Ranking Member RAHALL for taking action on the Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act. This bill will restore the balance between the Federal Government and the states in the administration of the Clean Water Act.

This bill contains a provision that is crucial to job creation in my state, as well as the entire nation. This bill will limit EPA's ability to veto dredge and fill permits issued by the Army Corps of Engineers.

I had introduced legislation in both the 111th and 112th Congresses, and requested hear-

ings, to address the EPA's veto authority over the Corps of Engineers when issuing 404 dredge and fill discharge permits. I want to thank the Chairman for working with me to accommodate my concerns.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act gives authority to the Army Corps of Engineers to issue permits for discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites.

Permit applicants must meet requirements that have been established by the Corps and the EPA. In turn, the Corps issues these 404 permits for activities including construction, mining, farming, and other purposes.

However, the Clean Water Act also gives EPA the authority to overturn the Corps decision if the discharge of materials will have an unacceptable adverse effect on municipal water supplies, shellfish beds, fishery areas, wildlife, and recreation areas. While this language may have had good intentions, the EPA can stop a project simply by withholding the permit.

Giving EPA so much authority over construction projects, mining activities, and energy production projects has become a problem in recent years, especially under the Obama Administration.

This free-for-all veto authority hands the reigns of our economy over to an agency that lacks interest in our economic well being. The EPA is not concerned with recovering natural resources and creating jobs for the good of the Nation. They are concerned with delaying—and hopefully stopping—all new development in Alaska, and in your states as well.

To illustrate the power of these permits, I simply point to 2 projects in my state:

Conoco Phillips' CD-5 Development is the first step that allows our Nation access to the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, which stands to produce 2.7 billion barrels of oil.

This project has been studied extensively over the last decade and measures have been taken to lessen environmental impacts. Due to pressure from the EPA, the necessary 404 permit was denied and remains in limbo, as the Corps is considering an appeal.

Finally, I'll leave you with a hard fought success story of the Kensington Gold Mine outside of Juneau, Alaska. The operators of the mine had to take their fight to the Supreme Court to defend the validly issued permit for their tailings facility from challenges by environmental extremists.

This operation employed approximately 300 workers during the remaining construction phase, and provides an estimated 370 direct and indirect jobs, including many for the local Alaska Native communities.

This operation will generate an estimated \$25 million in direct and indirect annual payroll, and will be the second largest private employer in Juneau.

The Kensington Mine is a model project that fully meets economic recovery goals of the American public.

Had the 404 permit never been issued, and had the Supreme Court not corrected the

wrong of the 9th District, these economic benefits would not have been realized.

HONORING CHIEF JOHN TURNER

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the city of Beavercreek's retired Police Chief John Turner for his commitment and years of service to public law enforcement.

Police Chief Turner began his law enforcement career in 1976 as a dispatcher with the Beavercreek Police Department. The following year he was hired on as a full-time police officer and later assigned to the Investigation division working as a detective until 1990 when he was promoted in rank as Sergeant. Chief Turner also served as the Team Leader and Tactical Commander for the Regional Emergency Response Team and then as an Administrative Sergeant, Public Information Officer, Accreditation Manager, Budget Coordinator, Grants Administrator and Assessor for the Commission for Accredited Law Enforcement Agencies, (CALEA). In 2003, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and then served as the Operations Commander for the Patrol Division until he was promoted to Chief of Police.

To strengthen Chief Turner's education and performance as a law enforcement official, he attended Sinclair Community College where he graduated with his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and then later attended and graduated from the Ohio Police Executive Leadership College. He also received certifications from his attendance at Northwestern University Traffic Institute's School of Police Staff and Command as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy in Quantico, VA.

Chief Turner has received many commendations and awards recognizing his faithful and dedicated service to the community. In 1986, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie 321 recognized Chief Turner as "Policeman of the Year." He has received accolades from the Beavercreek Rotary, the Noon Optimist Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 1990, he was nominated by the Green County Victim Witness Division for the prestigious Silver Star Award and was later selected by the members of his police department to receive the Beavercreek Police Department's "Leadership/Integrity Award" in 2006.

Chief Turner is a Beavercreek, OH, native and lifelong resident. He and his wife, Linda have two sons, Tim and Tom.

Thus, with great appreciation, I congratulate Chief John Turner on his retirement and commend his exemplary service as public law enforcement official and extend best wishes for his future retirement.

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